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I am not in favor of current actions and reactions. Many times our government has been forced to intervene on the public interest's behalf over that of major corporate interests. It is part of the government's constitutional duty to enforce its own laws on behalf of its people. It is part of the government's constitutional duty to promote the general welfare.

Microsoft had been judged already. Through their actions, past present and PLANNED FUTURE actions, they are breaking current law. As such, I feel they are not only responsible to the public, but responsible criminally and in contempt of court as they have failed to cease many such practices as stated in various summaries. (Imagine a court's reaction if I were guilty of some form of electronic fraud and yet to be sentenced only to find that I continued to operate in the same manner in spite of the fact that I have been found criminally guilty?)

Microsoft's impunity speaks volumes suggesting that this giant is out of control and simply requires major reconstruction to prevent it from ever happening. No amount of "oversight" will be effective because they are persistent and consistent when delivering attempts to squeeze through the cracks in various situations -- a perfect example was the premature release of WindowsXP series of operating systems. They knew it was a rush to get that genie out of the bottle before judgement or settlements could be made...all this in spite of the fact that WindowsXP persists in containing evidence of NO CHANGE in spite of their being found criminally guilty of antitrust law in the way they have packaged their software. Again, Microsoft's true colors show brighter than their rhetoric.

And contrary to some common belief, I do not foresee further drop in the economy because of this. The same arguments were made regarding the great oil company split ups as well as the phone system. The fact is, I have not seen ANY ill effects resulting from this, and on the contrary, have managed to truly serve their purposes.

My vote is for preventative measures that do not require oversight. SPLIT the company up so that they are barred from using its OS monopoly to leverage other markets unfairly.

Thank you,

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